

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Francisco Bay Region
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING
FOR
DISCHARGE PERMIT**

**for
Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant**

The City of Palo Alto has filed an application for reissuance of its permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Regional Water Board's) staff has prepared a tentative permit for this discharger, containing limitations and provisions, in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act and the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.

The discharger owns and operates the Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant (Plant). The Plant is located at 2501 Embarcadero Way, Palo Alto, Santa Clara County, California. The Plant provides tertiary treatment of domestic, commercial and industrial wastewater collected from the cities of Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Palo Alto, and Mountain View; the East Palo Sanitary District; and the unincorporated area of the Stanford University campus. The service area population is approximately 228,500. The Plant has an average dry weather flow design capacity of 39 MGD with full tertiary treatment, and a peak wet weather flow capacity of 80 MGD with full secondary treatment. Approximately 95% of the treated wastewater is discharged via an unnamed channel to South San Francisco Bay; about 5% is discharged to Matadero Creek via Renzel Marsh Pond, part of a habitat restoration project.

The Regional Water Board intends to consider adopting the tentative permit during a meeting to commence at the time and location as follows:

Time and Date: 9:00 a.m., March 11, 2009
Location: Auditorium, Elihu Harris State Building
1515 Clay Street, Oakland

The deadline for comment is 5:00 p.m. on January 26, 2009. Comments must be sent to the attention of **Tong Yin**. Persons wishing to file written comments on or objections to the tentative permit or other aspects of this matter must do so no later than this deadline so that such comments may be considered. No written comments will be accepted or responded to in writing if received after that deadline.

Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views at the public hearing on this matter. The Regional Water Board will hear oral testimony, but will not accept written comments after the deadline noted above.

Pursuant to section 2050(c) of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, any party that challenges

the Regional Water Board's action on this matter through a petition to the State Water Resources Control Board under Water Code section 13320 will be limited to raising only those substantive issues or objections that were raised before the Regional Water Board at the public hearing or in timely submitted written correspondence delivered to the Regional Water Board.

The application, tentative permit, fact sheet, comments received, and related documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Water Board office. The tentative permit, fact sheet, and any additional information and developments on this matter are also available at www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay. A response to comments will be posted on that website one week prior to the hearing. Contact Tong Yin at (510) 622-2418 or by e-mail at TYin@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions on this matter.